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<p style="text-align: center;">   <b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b> </p> <p>Address to:  <b>MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b></p>	Application Number	09/835,194-Conf. #5343
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	Attorney Docket Number	55807 (70904)

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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